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I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name and that I believe I am an original, first and joint Inventor of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the Invention titled: INFORMATION HIDING SYSTEM, METHOD, AND PRINTED MATTER INTO WHICH INFORMATION IS HIDDEN, which was filed on 27 March 2001 and has been assigned United States Application Serial Number 09 / 819,936. This application claimed the benefit of priority of Japanese Patent Application No 200-87454, filed on 27 March 2000.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims.

I hereby state that I qualify as a small entity for purposes of paying reduced fees during the prosecution of this application and acknowledge the need to inform the office of any change in this status during the pendency of the application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a).

I hereby appoint Michael J. Persson, Registration No. 41,248, as my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute my above-identified application for Letters Patent and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith.

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